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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN VISA CONTROL BETWEEN EAST BERLIN AND THE GDR

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1. REFTEL REGARDING MOTORIZED PATROLS ON OUTSKIRTS OF EAST BERLIN SHOWS THAT GDR CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT CONTROLLING TRAFFIC BETWEEN EAST BERLIN AND THE GDR PROPER. BEARING IN MIND PRACTICE IN CERTAIN OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ROAD CHECKPOINTS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THEIR CAPITALS, WE WOND WHETHER GDR MIGHT HAVE ALSO TAKEN STEP OF RE-ESTABLISHING STATIC CHECKPOINTS SOME DISTANCE AWAY FROM EAST BERLIN/GDR BORDER. FOR EXAMPLE, WE KNOW THAT THE GDR HAS HAD CHECKPOINTS IN GDR ON BERLINER RING ON EITHER SIDE OF PANKOW SALIENT. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY TAKEN IN SUMMER OF 1975 SHOWS ONE CHECKPOINT IN THE VICINTY OF SCHWANE-BECK.

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2. AS FOG HAS BEEN HINDERING FLIGHT OPERATIONS ALL WEEK, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO VERIFY CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THESE TWO CHECKPOINTS, OR WHETHER EARLIER INTRA-CITY CHECKPOINTS, ARE BEING REESTABLISHED SOME DISTANCE OUTSIDE EAST BERLIN/GDR BORDER. EMBASSY BERLIN MAY WISH TO INVESTIGATE THIS POSSIBILTY BY CAR VISITS.

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